

ASHLAND WEEKLY TIDINGS

HIGHWAY WORK PROGRESSING

GOLD HILL, Jan. 27.—Work on the overhead crossing at Tolo is advancing rapidly. The first timbers for the trestling were placed this week, getting in readiness to pour in the concrete.

The beautiful concrete bridge at Rock Point, under Parker & Banfield, is nearing completion rapidly. The upper structure is now the principal point of construction. A pontoon is being constructed at the mouth of Sardinia creek with which to remove the central truss. The material in this arch truss cost the contractors over \$500 for the steel materials alone and great care is being taken to preserve it for use elsewhere, thus it will be floated down the river and landed without tearing it to pieces as was necessary with the bulk of the forms used in casting the bridge.

From present indications with the rapid advance of the work there is no doubt but that the work will be completed on schedule time, in April.

BE CAREFUL WHEN TRAINS APPROACH

A passenger train approaching at full speed and still a quarter of a mile away will cover the remaining distance in 18 seconds; in half a mile away, it will flash past in 36 seconds.

These figures are offered by R. J. Clancy, safety specialist of the Southern Pacific, to impress upon motorists the significance of attempting to cross railroad tracks with a train in sight.

"Motorists should think in terms of time as well as distance. It requires a wait of only a fraction of a minute to permit a train to pass. On the other hand, 18 seconds allows too small a margin to escape an accident if in shifting gears the engine stops or anything goes wrong.

"Forty-six people were killed, 173 people were injured and 152 automobiles were damaged or destroyed at grade crossings during the calendar year just closed. Of these, 73 stalled on the crossing and were struck by trains; 255 attempted to cross almost immediately in front of an approaching train; 137, or more than 25 per cent of the total, ran into trains instead of trains into them; 5 skidded into cars or trains in attempting to avoid collision after realizing the danger; 31 ran into and broke down crossing gates lowered to protect them from passing trains; 5 ran down and injured flagmen in warning position; 14 were due to miscellaneous causes."

Inexperience of drivers rather than deliberate recklessness is the principal cause of such accidents in Clancy's estimation.

Harry Reed of Fossil, Ore., who will take possession immediately. This is one of the best and most productive orchards in the upper valley, from which Mr. Phipps took \$2500 worth of fruit last year. The property also possesses a good seven-roomed house. Mr. Reed will move his family to his new purchase next fall. The sale was made through the Lamkin agency.

Mrs. Otto Klum left this morning for her home in Klamath Falls after visiting in this city for some time.

Chief W. H. Hatcher came back this morning from San Francisco where he had been spending several days on business.

Mrs. Locknar of Portland is in Ashland calling on old-time friends this week. Mrs. Locknar was formerly Miss Martha Fordney, a well known resident of Ashland, who left here with her parents several years ago. This is her first visit back to the scenes of her early home and she finds many changes and improvements in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Glick started Monday morning for their home in Klamath county after a week's visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beaver of this city. They expect to make the trip by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Will M. Dodge spent Sunday in Grants Pass.

R. A. Minkler, a salesman from a Portland establishment, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Minkler, of C street today.

Frank Swingle is back from a month's visit with his brother in San Diego, Calif. Mr. Swingle states that Northern California is exceptionally dry this winter, and that ranchers are talking of shipping out all cattle. This is an unusual occurrence in that section.

The Methodist church is planning a "home day" next Sunday. At this occasion they expect every member of the church in Ashland and vicinity to be present at the morning service.

Mrs. Frank Guisinger arrived home yesterday morning from a visit with relatives in Sterling, Colo.

Rev. D. D. Edwards left Sunday night for Portland where he will attend a convention of the Nazarene church which is in session in that city this week.

O. H. Davenport and wife returned home last evening train No. 15 from their trip to various points in Southern California.

Louis Schwein was called to Chico Saturday on account of the serious illness of his mother. Later tidings reached here that the aged woman died Sunday morning at 2:15. Pneumonia was the cause of her demise.

Mr. Osborne, assistant state veterinarian, is in Ashland making tuberculin tests of milk cows. Better have your cows tested while he is here.

Mrs. Tom Hill and daughters, Madeline and Lois spent the week end at their ranch near Talent.

EXTERMINATING HARMFUL ANIMALS

Live stock and wool valued at \$20,000,000 are lost annually through the depredations of wild animals. The value of farm produce and forage destroyed each year by rodents is approximately \$300,000,000. It is estimated that the households of this country sustain an annual loss from rats and mice of \$200,000,000.

These figures sum up certain of the larger losses due to destructive wild life which the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture is engaged in reducing as rapidly as possible.

A force of between 400 and 500 experienced hunters was employed by this bureau during the past year to kill predatory animals, many of which were infected with rabies; this disease often is spread from the wild creatures to domestic animals and frequently endangers humans. In this work of extermination the States and numerous private organizations have had an important share.

The work of killing rodents—prairie dogs, ground squirrels, jack rabbits and cottontails, pocket gophers, native mice, wood rats, cotton rats, etc.—is also carried on with the cooperation of the States. During the past fiscal year ground squirrels were poisoned on more than 14,000,000 acres. In one Idaho county alone 49,000 rabbits were killed. In the same period from 75 to 95 per cent of the prairie dogs found on a total of 2,200,000 acres were destroyed.

The Social Realm

TUESDAY'S NEWS

Among the Ashland people who went down to Medford last night to see Walker Whitesides in "The Master of Ballantrae" at the Page theater were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. French, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Enders, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacAdams, Miss Lydia McCall, Miss Helman, Miss Winifred Spencer, Elmer Morrison and Dr. F. M. Moxon.

Miss Winifred Spencer entertained a number of friends and relatives at dinner at her home last Sunday afternoon. A large company were seated at the table at which a five course dinner was served.

Farewell Party. The members of the C. L. S. C. entertained Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Chas. Robertson, who is leaving Ashland this week to locate in California. Mrs. Robertson has been one of the ablest and most dependable members of the club and her loss will be felt keenly by all those who have known her. The gathering Saturday evening was the occasion for the members of the club to express their appreciation of her work with them, and their regret over her departure, together with sincerest good wishes for her in her new home.

The guests came costumed and the variety of effects caused a gale of merriment which lasted throughout the evening, since the aspect of each costume varied from every angle from which it was viewed.

A delicious and unusual three course supper was served during which the health of the guest of honor was drunk and each member was presented with a photograph of Mrs. Robertson's little daughter, the club's mascot.

The table was beautifully decorated with asparagus fern and a French bouquet, which was presented to Mrs. Robertson at the close of the evening.

The evening was a great success despite the shadow which was cast over all by the realization that this

FORESTER QUILTS TO ENTER BUSINESS

ROSEBURG, Jan. 27.—After more than 20 years of continuous service in the forestry department, S. C. Bartram, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest, has resigned to become the Pacific representative for a life insurance company.

Mr. Bartram will give up his work in the forestry department here as soon as he can arrange his affairs and turn over the business to his successor. He entered the forest service as a ranger in 1899 under the jurisdiction of the interior department. After serving as a forest ranger for three years, Mr. Bartram was promoted to supervisor.

was the last frolic which Mrs. Robertson was to share with them.

Those present were, Mesdames Robertson, Silver, Schwein, Putnam, Cochran, Leslie, McKenbie, Miller, Myer, Williamson, Winter, Schuerman, Icenhower, Billings and Patterson. The evening's entertainment was closed with the playing of "A Perfect Day."

MONDAY'S NEWS

Kitchen Shower

A most delightful party was given at the residence of J. J. Murphy on the Boulevard Saturday evening by Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mrs. Carl Murphy and Mrs. Murray Murphy, in honor of Mrs. Ray Murphy, a recent bride. The event was in the form of a kitchen shower, and the bride received many beautiful as well as useful gifts. A very pleasant evening was spent, during which Miss Bay sang several beautiful solos after which delicious refreshments were served. The invited guests were: Mrs. Elmo Neil, Mrs. Carl Harris, Mrs. Henry Enders, Mrs. O. A. Paulsen, Mrs. Horace Mitchell, Mrs. S. S. Mitchell, Mrs. Oscar Love, Mrs. E. H. Bush, Mrs. S. B. McNair, Mrs. W. H. McNair, Mrs. Bert Thomas, Mrs. J. E. Thornton, Mrs. George Jenkins, Mrs. J. K. Songer, Miss Edith Chapman, Miss Mollie Songer, Miss Mitchell, Bay, Manney and Mannel.

Charming Wedding Yesterday

The marriage of Miss Olive Sober of Ashland and Roy McCallister of Grants Pass was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. H. Sober, at 585 East Main street Sunday, Rev. Green of Grants Pass, a mutual friend of the families, officiating. Only the immediate relatives were present at the ceremony. The house decorations were a combination of English ivy and pink and white carnations, and the pink and white color arrangement was carried out in the refreshments. The bride wore a gown of white crepe de chine. The newly married couple left last night for a honeymoon to be spent in the north, after which the bride will return and finish her school which she is teaching in the northern end of the county, while Mr. McCallister will leave for Southern California where he is employed, and where they expect to reside.

Celebrated 8th Birthday

A charming birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins Irwin of North Main street Saturday afternoon in honor of the eighth birthday anniversary of their little daughter, Marguerite. The guest list was comprised of her young school mates and friends, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent with games, after which delicious refreshments were served. Those present at the party were Mabel Stennett, Madge and Marie Mitchell, Wanda Schwein, Dorothy Nungler, Mary and Emily Elmore, Marjorie Crouch, Frances O'Neil, Norma Brower, Audrey Brown and Marjorie Ahlstrom.

Missourians Meet

A bunch of former Missourians and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tinker on East Main street Sunday for dinner. This occasion was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tinker and daughter, Miss Ida.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS SHOW GAIN

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 26.—Oregon will reap still larger benefits from its girls' and boys' club work which netted a profit of \$12,000 in 1919, thinks George E. Ferrell, national club leader.

"Oregon stands in the front rank of states in club work," Mr. Ferrell says, "and I think warrants the expenditure of more federal funds in this state this year."

Great improvement in the work of last year former years is noted by the national leader. The number of completed reports for 1918 was but 5 per cent, while in 1919 it had risen to 43 per cent.

Other advantages cited by Mr. Ferrell are free demonstration work that educates not only girls and boys but the general public to a better way of doing many things such as canning, baking and judging livestock. A great number of pure bred cattle have been brought into Oregon by these demonstrations, which were called especially successful.

Mr. Tinker is a brother of Will Tinker and they are enroute to Walla Walla, their home, after spending the winter in Southern California. This was no exception to former like occasions. It being a fact that nobody understands nor can truly sympathize with a Missourian, like another Missourian, this was certainly an enjoyable affair. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alphon Whillock and son, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. W. Gregory and children, Eagle Point; Misses Jane Wilson, Mamie Ham and son, Earl Washington; N. H. Franklin and sons, Medford; Dr. Buchanan and family, Mrs. Kate Kez and Miss Alma Ross, all of Ashland.

Reception to Bride

The operators of the local telephone office tendered a reception to Mrs. Ray Murphy, one of their number who was recently married, last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Harry Sackett. Only the present operators and those who were Mrs. Murphy's former associates gathered at Mrs. Sackett's home where a sumptuous feast was spread and a most delightful social evening was spent. Mrs. Murphy was presented with a coffee percolator for a wedding gift by her former co-workers.

Bushy-Nelson

Miss Sadie Nelson, who has been employed at the Mt. Shasta Milling company, for some time, as bookkeeper, left Friday morning for Ashland, Ore., says the Montague Messenger, where she will be married to Frank M. Bushy, dispatcher at the Southern Pacific depot in the latter place. Mr. Bushy acted as agent in Montague during the absence of the regular agent last summer, and numbers his friends here by the hundreds. Miss Nelson, whose home is in Sisson, since being among us, has, by her ever courteous and charming ways won a place in the hearts of Montague people, that will never be forgotten. The future home of this happy couple will probably be in Ashland, where the best of wishes are accorded them.

Turkey Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dodge were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Tomlinson yesterday afternoon. A sumptuous turkey repast was served at 4 o'clock.

SALES MADE THIS WEEK BY STAPLES AGENCY

Residence on Iowa street, to F. J. Spaulding, a new man who has opened a woodyard on Fourth street. Residence on B street sold to E. L. Mackey.

Five-acre tract, known as Sinclair place, just out of town, sold to E. Allen Denton.

Representatives of the district forest service are touring the national forests throughout Oregon and Washington, meeting with the supervisors and rangers of the various districts in a series of get-together meetings for discussion of fire protection and trails development for the coming summer.

The party consists of M. L. Merritt, who is looking after the improvement work; W. B. Osborne, the fire protection man; Thomas Talbot, who is giving instruction in fire law enforcement work, and T. T. Munger, of the timber sales office.

Starting at Albany last Thursday, the forest representatives will include Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford and Baker in their schedule. They are meeting with the rangers in Eugene today. After they have covered the coast forests in Oregon, the representatives will extend their trip up through the Washington forests.

YAKIMA—Crops of a total value of \$12,678,247, with an average return of \$167 per acre, are shown in 1919 report of reclamation service on Sunnyside irrigation project.

PORT ANGELES—Marine railway and boat building plant may be erected here.

LECTURER COMING TO SPEAK ON ARMENIA

A campaign for Armenian relief is being planned to take place some time next month. Ashland's quota for this drive will be \$1700, and E. V. Carter has been appointed chairman of the committee which will raise the amount in this city.

A preliminary meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at which Mrs. O. F. Lamson of Seattle will be present and speak to the people of Ashland about the needs of Armenia.

She is a graduate of several universities, a practicing physician and author of note. During the Portland campaign last year she was one of the chief speakers, and will present the matter in an intelligent and practical light.

Talent Tidings

Mr. Frank Rose and Mr. William Stump were both Medford business visitors Monday.

Mrs. John Budgen and Mrs. Earl Scott were both Ashland visitors Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Ida Oatman was visiting in Medford Monday.

Mrs. Orval Denney was an Ashland visitor Monday.

Mr. Charles Chapman has bought an interest in the local blacksmith shop where he has been employed the last four months.

Mr. Pace was in Ashland Monday on business.

Mrs. Earl Withrow was a Medford visitor Saturday.

Mr. Parks, who recently purchased Carl Mellins' ranch, is the owner of a fine sorrel team he bought from an Eagle Point man.

Mrs. Otto Koresky of Ashland was in Talent Saturday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman.

Little Dorothy Kerby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kerby, is confined to her home with scarlet fever.

Mrs. John Vance, who moved from here to Nevada last summer, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Kerby.

Mr. Floyd Helms, son of Al Helms, is in town. He is working on the ditch and boarding at the Bell house.

Mrs. Mulligan, wife of the depot agent, is visiting her parents in Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Britton of Ferns valley were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lacey Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Spencer was in Medford Monday afternoon to be with her son's wife at the Sacred Heart hospital.

Mrs. William Crosby and little daughter Gladys were visiting in Medford Tuesday.

Mr. G. W. Ager, our county school superintendent, was visiting in Talent one day last week at the home of Prof. Roberts. Mrs. Roberts is a sister of Mrs. Ager.

Miss Edith Hazen was visiting in Ashland Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase Gardner and Mrs. Pennington motored to Medford Friday.

Mrs. Eva Roberts, who died in Medford Friday, was a niece of Mrs. Shideler at this place and a cousin of Mrs. Ora Stump. Mr. and Mrs. Stump attended the funeral in Medford Sunday. Mrs. Roberts was a daughter of the late Merritt Bellinger of Medford.

Quite a number of people from here are attending the revival meetings at the Dunkard church in Ashland this week.

The girls' basketball team did not play Ashland Friday night, as was announced last week on account of some of the girls being unable to play. They will go over and play Applegate next Friday night.

Miss Emma Lacey was visiting relatives over in Ferns valley Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pace are moving into their house on Gibson avenue, which was recently vacated by Mr. Ralph Koozer.

Mr. Earl Scott had for his guest last week his brother, Mr. W. W. Scott of Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. J. S. Crawford is out of the sick list this week. It is believed to be the flu.

Mr. Andrew Briner, who has been quite sick, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason were visiting relatives in Ashland Sunday.

Mr. Jones Spitzer was a Medford visitor Monday.

Mrs. H. G. Enders, Sr., was a visitor in Talent Tuesday morning from Ashland.

A party of young people went to Gold Hill Sunday night to church. The party consisted of the Misses Ruth and Ethel Hackler, Ruth Morris, Ralph Bowman and Lloyd Lacey. A farewell party will be given Mrs. Wilborn and Mrs. John Beeson at the home of Mrs. W. Beeson Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ed Hughes was visiting in Ashland Tuesday.

Those who wish to subscribe for the Ashland Tidings please see Mrs. Withrow at the confectionery store.

LOCAL PART TIME SCHOOL ORGANIZED

The board of education has authorized the establishment of this part time school under the Smith-Hughes federal vocational educational bill. The classes will meet at the Senior High School building on Monday and Friday afternoons of each week, from 3:30 to 4 o'clock. Mr. Newton Van Dalsen, vocational director for the state of Oregon, spent Monday of this week with Supt. Briscoe adjusting the local plans to meet the requirements of the State Board for vocational training.

It was agreed that Monday of each week will be devoted strictly to vocational training and related subjects, while for the girls it will be household arts and sciences. On Friday of each week the time will be given to English, business practices, citizenship, hygiene, safety and physical training. The Friday session will be in charge of Mr. B. C. Forsythe, principal of the Senior High School and the Monday's work will be cared for by Mr. Forsythe and Miss Neal.

This school is organized for all people who care to come, but must be attended by all persons living in school district 5 who are between the ages of 16 and 18 and who have not finished the subjects of the eighth grade, or who are not in full time school. The law applying is as follows: "Every parent, guardian, or other person in the state of Oregon, having control of any child or children between the ages of 16 and 18 years, who have not already acquired the ordinary branches of learning taught in the first eight grades of the public schools, shall be required to send such child or children to a part time school or class whenever there shall have been such part time school or class established in the district where the child or children reside or may be employed."

The penalty for violation of this act to any person—parent, guardian, or other person—is a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25, or imprisonment or both, and for an employer to refuse to permit such a child to attend the part time school, the fine is not less than \$10 nor more than \$25 for each offense. The Industrial Welfare Commission of Oregon adopted the following resolution: "No children under 16 years of age shall be given a permit for employment unless they have already acquired the ordinary branches of learning taught in the first eight years of the public schools."

Accordingly, all children younger than 16 and who have not finished the eighth grade must be in full time school; and, all persons in school district 5 between the ages of 16 and 18, who have not graduated from the eighth grade, must attend this part time school for the remainder of the year—both Monday and Friday afternoons, a total of five hours per week. In addition to this newspaper article, a circular letter will be sent to all persons known to come within the provisions of this act.

G. A. BRISCOE,
Superintendent of Schools.

Celebration at Parish House

Last night a birthday party had been planned to honor Miss Harriet Ruger, who celebrated her anniversary yesterday, and the Trinity parish house was the scene of much gaiety among the young people of Ashland. While this event had been arranged among the young people, several of the car men learned that yesterday was also the wedding anniversary of Miss Ruger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ruger, and what was the great surprise of the latter to be greeted by a large company of Mr. Ruger's associates and their wives at the parish house, where a rich event took place, the like of which the building has seldom seen. A feast was spread of all the good things imaginable at which the large company sat down. This was followed by dancing, singing and instrumental music which was participated in by all, so that there was no line of demarcation among the young people who celebrated the birthday anniversary of the daughter, and the rest of the young people who celebrated the marriage anniversary of the parents.

Saturday, Ashland was given over to the Elks, when at their regular meeting in the evening they initiated 36 new members into the order. These were practically all from Wood, Calif., and a special train arrived here in the afternoon, bringing in those who were taken into the fold, together with a good sprinkling of friends who came with them to see that they were properly inducted into Ashland Lodge. The visitors were met at the train by Ashland lodge and an elaborate street parade was featured, headed by the lodge goat and fife and drum corps.

Following are the new members received into the order:

L. D. Lowe, Fred Sullaway, Murl Northern, John J. Burke, T. R. Wils, P. L. Call, Henry E. Pries, W. A. Schmitz, Geo. Wagner, M. O. Silverthorn, Geo. E. Geary, Alfred N. Cremer, Charles Felmer, J. E. Hendricks, J. J. McCandless, M. Purcell, Leon Glover, R. M. Vaughn, F. M. Hoskins, V. H. Matheson, C. P. Cleverenger, Guy Ford, L. D. Taylor, G. S. Beck, Wiley Moore, H. D. Barber, A. M. Tomseth, Byron F. Record, Roy Gates, H. G. Anderson, J. S. Peter, Irwin R. White, Bruce Clark, John J. Boland, all of Wood, Alfred Buck, of Ashland and Arthur Jones of Ager.

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